#### Exhibit A

# DEFENDANT'S SCHEDULE OF SARS AS TO WHICH COURT GRANTED SUMMARY JUDGMENT

#### **Stock Promotion**

Violation Numbers	Contentions	Court's Ruling
Support file reflects stock promotion activity "within six months" not discussed in narrative: 196, 219, 225, 333, 360, 457, 566, 583, 1194, 1380, 1409, 1423, 1437, 1442, 1624, 1956	"The SEC claims that the narratives in the fifty-five SARs listed in Table 4 were deficient for failing to include information that there was a history of stock promotion in connection with the LPS being deposited with Alpine." (Order at 71-72)  Alpine presented evidence that it considered stock promotions relevant if they were "ongoing" or occurred within 30 days of transaction.	"Neither the SEC nor Alpine has directly addressed when a history of stock promotion is stale for SAR reporting purposes." (Order at 74).  Court granted summary Judgment as to 41 of the 55 SARs wherein "the stock promotion occurred within six months of the deposit" and was not included in the SAR narrative. (Order at 72) (emphasis added). "While a fact finder must determine the outer limit, stock promotion activity that occurs within six months of these deposits constituted, as a matter of law, a red flag requiring disclosure in the SAR." (Order at 75).

### **Shell Companies and Derogatory Information**

Violation Numbers	Contentions	Court's Ruling
Support file indicates that company	"The SEC claims that 241	Alpine was required to include
had been a shell "within one year"	SARs listed in Table 3 were	information in the narrative if
of transaction or contained any	deficient for failing to disclose	company was a shell " <b>within one year</b>
other "derogatory" information,	derogatory information	preceding the transaction." (Order at
regardless of date, not discussed in	regarding the history of a stock,	67-71) (emphasis added).
narrative: 194, 196, 198, 718, 823,	including that the issuer was a	
826, 961, 1032, 1119, 1124,	shell company or formerly a	As a matter of law, Alpine also had a
1126, 1132, 1133, 1137, 1138,	shell company. Other types of	duty to include "derogatory
1140, 1142, 1150, 1153, 1156,	derogatory information	information about the customer or
1170, 1175, 1177, 1189, 1207,	[claimed by the SEC] include	issuer" in the SAR narrative, including
1208, 1214, 1216, 1219, 1220,	such things as the issuer's	whether the company's SEC filings
1221, 1222, 1225, 1226, 1227,	frequent name changes	were not current, "frequent" name
1228, 1230, 1236, 1241, 1247,	"trading being suspended on	changes and any trading
1248, 1256, 1259, 1260, 1261,	an issuer's security, the issuer	suspensions. Court's ruling does not
1262, 1271, 1283, 1285, 1287,	having a 'caveat emptor'	address staleness of derogatory
1293, 1297, 1300, 1309, 1310,	designation, the issuer having	information.
1313, 1315, 1316, 1324, 1325,	sold unregistered shares, and	
1326, 1332, 1341, 1358, 1360,	the issuer having been	The Court also stated that "the SEC
1364, 1366, 1391, 1394, 1396,	delisted." (Order, at 67, 70.)	has not offered any argument or
1398, 1404, 1411, 1419, 1432,		expert testimony addressed to the
1434, 1446, 1448, 1451, 1457,	Alpine submitted evidence that	significance of an issuer's former
1458, 1459, 1460, 1465, 1468,	it considered that kind of	status as a shell company, or
1492, 1504, 1523, 1539, 1543,	information and also	attempted to explain for how long or
1551, 1555, 1557, 1564, 1621,	considered information	in what circumstances such former
1641, 1659, 1669, 1689, 1693,	reflecting that company was an	shell status remains relevant to the

1701, 1702, 1709, 1713, 1720,	operating business with current	SAR reporting regime." (Order, at 69-
1725, 1726, 1730, 1733, 1734,	filings, and was not a shell at	70).
1740, 1802, 1841, 1861, 2003	the time of transaction.	

## Related "Criminal or Regulatory" Litigation

Violation Numbers	Contentions	Count's Duling
Violation Numbers	Contentions	Court's Ruling
Support file reflects that the president of Customer A is also the president of another company that was involved in a settled SEC action which was not discussed in narrative: 823-826, 828, 834, 835, 838, 839, 846, 849-852, 855, 857, 858, 860-862, 864, 866-870, 872, 874, 878-880, 883, 884, 937, 948, 951, 960, 982, 1021, 1090, 1098, 1107, 1111, 1114, 1119, 1124, 1162, 1179, 1194, 1197, 1218-1220, 1225, 1226, 1230, 1236, 1237, 1241, 1243, 1247-1249, 1251, 1271, 1274, 1277-1279, 1366, 1369, 1379, 1380, 1383, 1388, 1396, 1404, 1409, 1411, 1423, 1432, 1434, 1437, 1442, 1450,	"The SEC contends that 675 SARs omit a description of 'related litigation from the SARs narratives." (Order at 54.)  Alpine maintained that it considered whether information was "related" to the transaction that was the subject of the SAR; whether other information had been provided by the customer; whether litigation was remote in time, and whether the litigation had been resolved or was still pending.	"The SEC is thus entitled to summary judgment to the extent it shows that there is no question of fact as toa connection between the litigation and the reported transaction. That connection is established where the litigation at issue concerns either the issuer of the securities in the transaction or the customer engaged in the transaction." (Order at 54-55) (emphasis added).  Customer "A". In November 2013, SEC settled an action relating to Rule 504 with an entity of which the president of Customer A was also the president. (Order at 60-61).
1452, 1459, 1493, 1539, 1551  Support file reflects a consent decree involving entity of another company in which president of Customer D was also president, which was not discussed in narrative: 73, 80, 81, 86, 87, 89, 93, 94, 100, 108, 110, 114, 115, 119, 121, 124, 143, 144, 145, 147, 150, 160, 163, 164, 168, 169, 170, 172, 178, 180, 182, 185, 188, 190	"The SEC contends that 675 SARs omit a description of 'related litigation from the SARs narratives." (Order at 54.)  Alpine maintained that it considered whether information was "related" to the transaction that was the subject of the SAR; whether other information had been provided by the customer; whether the action was remote in time, and whether the litigation had been resolved or was pending.	"The SEC is thus entitled to summary judgment to the extent it shows that there is no question of fact as to) a connection between the litigation and the reported transaction. That connection is established where the litigation at issue concerns either the issuer of the securities in the transaction or the customer engaged in the transaction." (Order at 54-55).  Customer "D". Alpine's support files included information regarding a settlement in a mortgage fraud action in 2010 involving a separate entity that was owned by Customer D's president. The Court stated, "the settlement was not so distant in time that the highly pertinent information about fraudulent scheme in which Customer D's president participated had become irrelevant when these transactions occurred." (Order at 62-63).
Support file reflects SEC litigation involving Customer E not discussed in narrative: 379-385, 387, 388, 390-392, 395-399, 402, 404-407, 409-411, 413, 414, 417, 418,	"T]he SEC contends that 675 SARs omit a description of 'related litigation from the SARs narratives." (Order at 54.)	"The SEC is thus entitled to summary judgment to the extent it shows that there is no question of fact as to a connection between the litigation and the reported transaction. That

420, 421, 423-429, 431-433, 435-446, 448, 449, 452-466, 468-472, 475, 476, 479, 481, 482, 484, 486-492, 494-496, 498-500, 502-510, 512-514, 516-522, 524-542, 545, 547-553, 555, 557-561, 563-566, 569-580, 583, 584, 586-589, 592, 594, 596, 597, 599-601, 606, 607, 609, 610, 613-624, 627-636, 638, 639, 641, 642, 644, 646, 648-658, 661-663, 666-675, 677, 679-689, 691-693, 695-698, 704, 706-709, 711, 712, 714, 716, 718-721, 724, 725, 727-729, 731, 733, 735, 736, 738, 739, 742, 744, 746, 747, 750, 752, 754-757, 759, 760, 762-765, 768-777, 779-782, 784-786, 788, 791, 792, 793, 797, 798, 799, 801-803, 805, 807, 808, 809, 812, 814, 815, 816, 819, 820, 821, 1825-1830, 1832, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1839-1843, 1845, 1846, 1849, 1853, 1856-1858, 1861, 1863-1867, 1871-1874, 1877	Alpine maintained that it considered whether information was "related" to the transaction that was the subject of the SAR; whether other information had been provided by the customer; whether the litigation was remote in time, and whether the litigation had been resolved or was pending.	connection is established where the litigation at issue concerns either the issuer of the securities in the transaction or the customer engaged in the transaction." (pp. 54-55).  Customer "E". In October, 2010, SEC sued Customer E, its former manager and CEO for "overvaluing Customer E's largest holdings, (b) making material misrepresentations to investors, and (c) misusing investor funds." (Order at 58). 3. The Court concludes that "duty to report related litigation extends not just to litigation that has been resolved, but also to ongoing litigation." (Order at 59).
1970, 1971	"T]he SEC contends that 675 SARs omit a description of 'related litigation from the SARs narratives." (Order at 54.)	The SEC did not respond to Alpine's argument regarding ten specified SARs, "except to say that private litigation and civil litigation can be related litigation." (Order at 63).  "The securities fraud action against two officers of the issuer was litigation related to the large deposit of the issuer's LPS, and as a matter of law Alpine had a duty to disclose it." (Order at 64).  "[S]ummary judgment is granted to the SEC as to SARs 701, 1970 and 1971, and denied as the remaining SARs to the extent the SEC relies on the omission of related litigation listed in Table 2."
701	"T]he SEC contends that 675 SARs omit a description of 'related litigation from the SARs narratives." (Order at 54.)	"The SEC did not respond to Alpine's argument regarding ten specified SARs, "except to say that private litigation and civil litigation can be related litigation." (Order at 63).  "[S]ummary judgment is granted to the SEC as to SARs 701, 1970 and 1971, and denied as the remaining SARs to the extent the SEC relies on the

	omission of related litigation listed in Table 2."

## **Low Trading Volume**

Violation Numbers	Contentions	Court's Ruling
Support file reflects that transaction reported in the SAR was "twenty times average daily trading volume over prior three months" and that information was not discussed in narrative: 4, 224, 325, 363, 813, 856, 865, 1792, 1879, 1911, 1955, 1959, 1988, 1994	"T]he SEC claims that 700 SARs listed in Table 6 were deficient for failing to disclose the comparatively low trading volume in the LPS that these SARs reported were being deposited with Alpine," where "the number of deposited shares [of the LPS] represented at least three times the average daily trading volume of the stock, measured over the three months preceding the deposit." (Order at 80).	Summary judgment granted as to SARs wherein Alpine failed to include in the narrative the trading volume "when the deposit was greater than twenty times the average daily trading volume, measured over the three months prior to the deposit." (Order at 82). Trial will be necessary to address the precise ratio beyond the twenty times amount.
	Alpine maintained that low trading volume is a characteristic of microcap stocks, not a red flag, and does not been to be discussed in the narrative.	

## Foreign Involvement

1653, 1654, 1655, 1658, 1659,	
1660, 1663, 1664, 1666, 1668,	
1670, 1675, 1677, 1680, 1682,	
1683, 1685, 1687, 1690, 1694,	
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1744, 1755, 1756, 1758, 1759,	
1760, 1761, 1765, 1767, 1772,	
1775, 1776, 1778, 1780, 1786,	
1787, 1789, 1794, 1795, 1797,	
1798, 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803,	
1806, 1808, 1811, 1812, 1813,	
1815, 1816, 1817, 1818, 1820,	
1821, 1822, 1884, 1885, 1907,	
1909, 1910, 1934, 1936, 1949,	
1978, 1979, 1983, 1984, 1989,	
1990, 1998, 2000, 2004	

#### **5 Essential Elements**

Violation Numbers	Contentions	Court's Ruling
1, 193, 195-198, 208, 209, 211,	"T]he SEC asserts that [1,015]	Court held that SARS were required
213, 214, 217, 221, 223, 226,	SARs listed on Table 1 were	as a matter of law based on either
235, 236, 238, 239, 248, 252,	deficient because they omitted	presence of red flag, volume of
254, 256, 258, 261, 262, 272,	from their narratives	filings relating to a particular
273, 281, 283, 284, 291-293, 295,	information known as the Five	customer, and/or Alpine's failure to
298, 307, 310, 351, 373, 374-378,	Essential Elements." (Order at	expressly state that SARs were
383, 388, 392, 398, 402, 414,	86, at fn. 75).1	voluntary.
420, 424, 426, 427, 431, 436-		
438, 441, 444, 445, 448, 452,	Alpine contended that SEC had	"Out of 1,105 SARs where there is
456, 458, 459, 479, 484, 485,	failed to established that	an allegation of a deficient narrative
487, 488-491, 494, 495, 499, 502,	"template" SARs, or those	for lack of information known as the
504, 505, 507, 509, 512, 516,	which stated that the SAR was	five essential elements, only 295 of
518, 520, 527, 529, 535, 536-538,	being filed based on Alpine's	those SARs did not include an
540-542, 545, 549, 559, 560, 569,	policy, were required filings,	allegation of a red flag deficiency.
570-572, 575, 576, 578, 581, 582,	and presented evidence from	The 295 SARs involve transactions
594, 599, 600, 605-608, 615, 617,	its expert that the "template"	from Customers "A", "C", and "E."
620, 621-624, 628, 634, 638, 641,	SARs did include the essential	Summary judgment is granted as to
644, 648, 651, 653, 655, 656,	elements.	Customers "A" and "E" based on
662, 663, 667, 670, 672, 677,		related litigation discussed in other
680, 685, 686, 692,695, 698, 707,		parts of the Order. Summary
710-712, 714, 718, 724, 727, 728,		judgment is not granted as to
729, 733, 734, 736, 739, 742,		Customer "C" because of factual
744, 749, 754, 756, 759, 763,		question."
764, 765, 769, 773, 774, 782,		

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  The Order references "1,105" SARs on Table 1. (See id.) However, the SEC's Table 1 only lists 1,015 SARs, as acknowledged by the SEC at Fact 35 of the SEC's Rule 56.1 Statement of Material Facts in Support of its Motion for Summary Judgment on Liability. The reference to "1,105" comes from a typographical error in the SEC's Memorandum of Law in Support of its Motion for Summary Judgment on Liability, page 13, which is not supported by the cited source (SEC Fact 35).

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888-895, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901-		
931, 933-946, 948-964, 966-985,		
987, 989-991, 993-1004, 1006,		
1007, 1009, 1010, 1012-1016,		
1018, 1020-1035, 1037-1044,		
1047-1068, 1070-1077, 1079-		
1096, 1098-1108, 1110-1121,		
1123-1145, 1147-1171, 1173,		
1175, 1177-1180, 1182-1197,		
1199, 1200, 1202, 1203, 1206-		
1210, 1212-1217, 1219-1305,		
1307, 1309-1311, 1313-1322,		
1324-1330, 1332-1351, 1353-		
1362, 1364-1386, 1388-1400,		
1402, 1404-1413, 1415-1425,		
1427-1429, 1432-1437, 1439-		
1450, 1452-1460, 1462-1470,		
1472-1474, 1477-1486, 1488,		
1490-1493, 1495-1497, 1499-		
1514, 1516-1529, 1531, 1533-		
1551, 1553-1558, 1560-1570,		
1574, 1576-1578, 1580-1584,		
1746, 1755, 1756, 1758-1761,		
1765, 1775, 1776, 1780, 1786,		
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1801-1803, 1806, 1811-1813,		
1815-1818, 1822, 1826, 1827,		
1832, 1835, 1839, 1841, 1843,		
1845, 1849, 1853, 1854, 1857,		
1863, 1864, 1866, 1871, 1873,		
1877, 1880, 1899, 1907, 1909,		
1910, 2003, 1585, 1587, 1589,		
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1598, 1600, 1601, 1602, 1604,		
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1620, 1623-1626, 1629, 1632,		
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1652, 1654, 1655, 1657-1659,		
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1672, 1677, 1680, 1682, 1683,		
1685, 1687, 1688, 1689, 1690,		
1693-1696, 1698, 1700-1705,		
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1730, 1733, 1734, 1735, 1736,		
1738, 1740, 1744, 1934, 1936,		
1949		

## **Unverified Issuers**

Violation Numbers	Contentions	Court's Ruling
Support file contains reference	"T]he SEC claims that thirty-six	Court held that the SARs constituted
to negative information	SARs listed in Table 5 were deficient	a violation because they failed to
concerning issuer: 385, 438,	for failing to disclose in their	include particular items of
464, 465, 492, 587, 658, 693,	narratives that the issuer had an	information. Court did not address
716, 779, 805, 1607, 1722,	expired business license, a	staleness of information.
1735, 1797, 1828, 1836,	nonfunctioning website, or no	
1840, 1842, 1856, 1861,	current SEC filings." (Order at 77)	Court also stated that summary
1865, 1867, 1874, 1899,		judgment would not be appropriate
1903	Alpine maintained that it did	where the narrative was "more
	consider that information but also	fulsome." (Order at 53-54).
	considered information confirming	
	that issuer was active and operating	
	business, that items of information	
	were remote, and that failure to	
	include a particular item in a SAR	
	narrative does not render a filed	
	SAR a violation of the BSA.	

# **Duplicate SARs**

Violation Numbers	Contentions
1585 and 1663	There are 9 sets of duplicate SARs
1595 and 1698	submitted by the SEC. Thus, 13
1617 and 1658	violations should be removed from
1625 and 1659	the total amount of SARs granted on
1682 and 1727	summary judgment.
1826 and 1827	
1934 and 1612	
1936 and 1728	
1735 and 1607	